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In re Patent Application of: Kenii Nakanishi et al.

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For: INHIBITOR SCREENING METHOD AND ATOPIC DERMATITIS-LIKE SYMPTOM INDUCING METHOD WHICH UTILIZES INDUCTION OF PRODUCTION OF

INTERLEUKIN 18 BY KERATINOCYTE AND UTILIZATION OF SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed November 4, 2008, Applicant hereby elects claims Group IV (Claims 11-13) for continued examination, without traverse.

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